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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR USG SUPPORT FOR YUGOSLAV-ASSISTED PROGRAM FOR DEAF IN SENEGAL

- 1. YUGOSLAV PROFESSOR PETER GUBERINA, WHO WAS IN DAKAR ATTENDING CONFERENCE ON NEGRITUDE, CALLED ON AMBASSADOR JAN 23 AT SUGGESTION OF PRESIDENT SENGHOR. GUBERINA IS INTERNATIONALLY KNOWN LINGUIST AND EXPERT ON BLACK AFRICAN LITERATURE, WHO HAS SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS IN TEACHING OF DEAF. GUBERINA SAYS HE WORKED WITH HEW AND OTHER US AGENCIES IN SETTING UP PROGRAMS FOR DEAF IN TUNISIA AND EGYPT. (HE CITED DR MCTAVITT AND JAMIL TUBBEH AT HEW AS AMERICAN OFFICIALS FAMILIAR WITH HIS WORK).
- 2. IN RESPONSE TO REQUEST MADE TO PRESIDENT TITO BY SENGHOR, YUGOSLAVIA HAS AGREED TO HELP ESTABLISH SIMILAR PROGRAM IN SENEGAL. SENGHOR ASKED GUBERINA TO CALL ON AMBASSADOR (WHO FIRST BECAME ACQUAINTED WITH GUBERINA IN PARIS IN MID-1950'S) TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER USG WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ASSISTING SUCH A PROGRAM, AS REPORTEDLY WAS CASE IN EGYPT AND TUNISIA. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING NATURE OF US UNPUT INTO PREVIOUS DEAF TRAINING PROGRAMS, AND BEING ADVISED WHETHER STATE, HEW AND/OR AID SEE BASIS FOR AMERICAN ROLE IN SIMILAR PROGRAM IN SENEGAL WHICH CLEARLY HAS HIGHEST-LEVEL INTEREST. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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